

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amended claims follow:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for analyzing a network utilizing a zone controller, comprising:
[[(a)]] receiving network traffic information from a plurality of host controllers;
[[(b)]] reporting on the network traffic information utilizing a plurality of network-based interfaces;
[(c)] ~~wherein the host controllers are related to a zone;~~
[[(d)]] generating a map of a network based on the network traffic information; and
[[(e)]] providing intrusion detection services based on the network traffic information;
wherein the host controllers are related to a zone.
2. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising synchronizing a clock with the host controllers.
3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network traffic information is originally collected by a plurality of agents coupled to the host controllers.
4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising identifying a zone associated with each of the host controllers.
5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 4, and further comprising reporting on the network traffic information relating to each of the zones.
6. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising receiving a plurality of the maps from the host controllers.

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7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 6, and further comprising reporting on the network traffic information utilizing the maps.
8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising offloading the network traffic information to a database.
9. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for analyzing a network utilizing a zone controller, comprising:
 - [[(a)]] computer code for receiving network traffic information from a plurality of host controllers;
 - [[(b)]] computer code for reporting on the network traffic information utilizing a plurality of network-based interfaces;
 - (e) ~~wherein the host controllers are related to a zone;~~
 - [[(d)]] computer code for generating a map of a network based on the network traffic information; and
 - [[(e)]] computer code for providing intrusion detection services based on the network traffic information;
wherein the host controllers are related to a zone.
10. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 9, and further comprising computer code for synchronizing a clock with the host controllers.
11. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 9, wherein the network traffic information is originally collected by a plurality of agents coupled to the host controllers.
12. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 9, and further comprising computer code for identifying a zone associated with each of the host controllers.

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13. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 12, and further comprising computer code for reporting on the network traffic information relating to each of the zones.
14. (Previously Presented) The computer program product as recited in claim 9, and further comprising computer code for receiving a plurality of the maps from the host controllers.
15. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 14, and further comprising computer code for reporting on the network traffic information utilizing the maps.
16. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 9, and further comprising computer code for offloading the network traffic information to a database.
17. (Currently Amended) A system for analyzing a network utilizing a zone controller, comprising:
 - [[(a)]] logic for receiving network traffic information from a plurality of host controllers;
 - [[(b)]] logic for reporting on the network traffic information utilizing a plurality of network-based interfaces;
 - (e) wherein the host controllers are related to a zone;
 - [[(d)]] logic for generating a map of a network based on the network traffic information;
and
 - [[(e)]] logic for providing intrusion detection services based on the network traffic information;
wherein the host controllers are related to a zone.
18. (Original) The system as recited in claim 17, and further comprising logic for synchronizing a clock with the host controllers.

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19. (Original) The system as recited in claim 17, wherein the network traffic information is originally collected by a plurality of agents coupled to the host controllers.
20. (Original) The system as recited in claim 17, and further comprising logic for identifying a zone associated with each of the host controllers.
21. (Original) The system as recited in claim 20, and further comprising logic for reporting on the network traffic information relating to each of the zones.
22. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 17, and further comprising logic for receiving a plurality of the maps from the host controllers.
23. (Original) The system as recited in claim 22, and further comprising logic for reporting on the network traffic information utilizing the maps.
24. (Original) The system as recited in claim 17, and further comprising logic for offloading the network traffic information to a database.
25. (Currently Amended) A system for analyzing a network utilizing a zone controller, comprising:
 - [[(a)]] means for receiving network traffic information from a plurality of host controllers;
 - [[(b)]] means for reporting on the network traffic information utilizing a plurality of network-based interfaces;
 - (e) ~~wherein the host controllers are related to a zone;~~
 - [[(d)]] means for generating a map of a network based on the network traffic information; and
 - [[(e)]] means for providing intrusion detection services based on the network traffic information;
wherein the host controllers are related to a zone.

26. (Previously Presented) A method for analyzing a network utilizing a zone controller, comprising:
 - (a) synchronizing a clock with a plurality of host controllers;
 - (b) receiving network traffic information from the host controllers;
 - (c) identifying a zone associated with each of the host controllers;
 - (d) receiving maps from the host controllers;
 - (e) reporting on the network traffic information relating to each of the zones utilizing a plurality of network-based interfaces and the maps;
 - (f) offloading the network traffic information to a database;
 - (g) generating a map of a network based on the network traffic information; and
 - (h) providing intrusion detection services based on the network traffic information.
27. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the map includes a correlation among computers of the network and the network traffic information associated therewith.
28. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 5, wherein a report is generated including a plurality of objects in a tree representation.
29. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein a Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) trap capability is utilized.
30. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the intrusion detection services include scanning the network traffic information and detecting intrusions in the network based on the scanned network traffic information.
31. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 3, wherein the network traffic information is collected from a plurality of zone controllers coupled to the host controllers.

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32. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 31, wherein the intrusion detection services are performed by the host controllers and the zone controllers.
33. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 31, wherein the host controllers and the zone controllers operate based on user-configurable business rules.
34. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 5, wherein a fee associated with the reporting is determined based on a number of agents, the host controllers, and zone controllers.
35. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 34, wherein the fee is reoccurring.